

Cultural Center Replacement

Cultural Center / Port Charlotte Library Replacement

- Master planning and programming in progress
- Site planning for most appropriate use
- Planning efforts combine the library, theater, and cultural center
- Public input surveys and meetings completed
- Exploring public/private partnership
- Demo
\$2M
- Design
\$3.5M
- Construction
\$55M
- Projected Operating Impact
\$142k

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- Originally constructed in 1968 (Theater, library, 11 classrooms).
- Over the decades the facility saw 13 additions with the last in 2002 (Conference Center).
- A 40-year lease adopted by the county in 2000 defined county ownership of the exterior while internal and operational ownership with the operating organization.
- The facility was closed and returned to the County in December 2021.
- The Port Charlotte Library remained open; the Theater was short term leased.
- Several evaluations took place to determine building and system conditions.
- Hurricanes have caused severe damage to many building components.

Port Charlotte Library Replacement

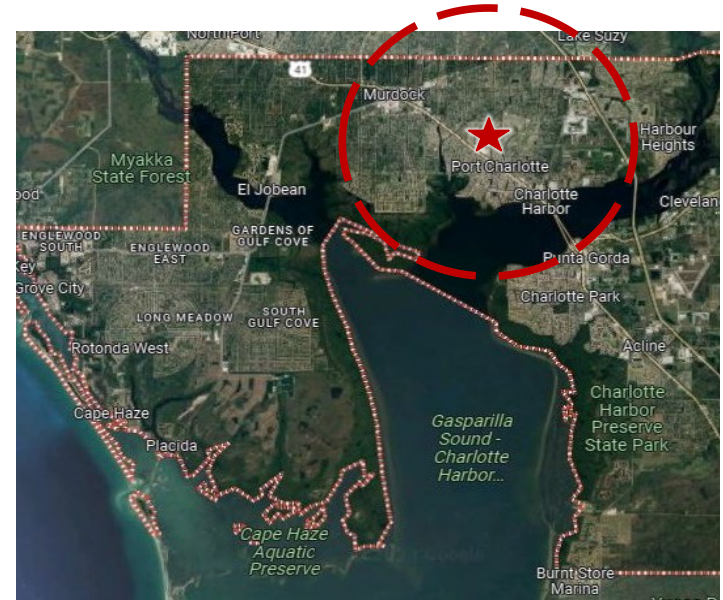
Library

- Administrative Offices
- Maker Space
- Multi-Purpose Meeting Rooms
- Multiple Study Rooms
- Adult/Teen/Children Collections
- Drive Up Book Drop
- Friends Bookstore & Workrooms
- Circulation Lobby
- Storage Space

Historical Center & Archives

- Historian/Archive Offices
- Reading Room
- Archive Intake/Processing
- Archive Storage
- Display Area
- Exhibit Space

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